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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/524,380	<b>Applicant(s)</b> MARUO ET AL.	
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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 8/27/2008 (Response to Restriction Req.).
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10, 11 and 13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10, 11 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 February 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____   |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 10, 11, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Feldman et al. US 6,299,757 B1 ("Feldman").

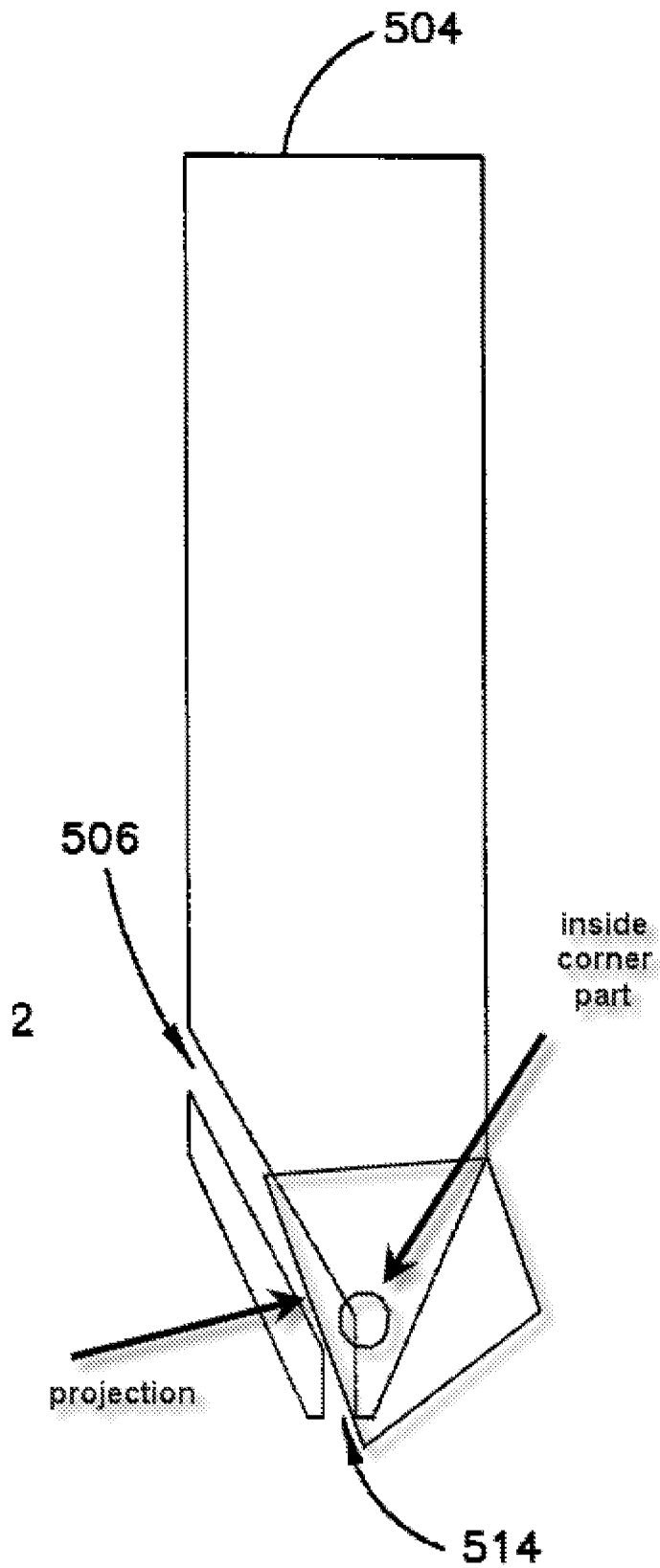
Addressing claim 10, Feldman discloses a biosensor (abstract) comprising:  
in its tip portion, an electrically insulating substrate (500 or 579) and a cover sheet (508 or 583) facing each other with a space in between and a spacer sheet (504 or 581) somewhere therebetween (Figures 18A-18C or Figures 22A-22C ; and a reaction part having an oxidoreductase in a holding space formed by the substrate, the cover sheet and the spacer sheet end (col. 32:65 – col. 33:15 and col. 38:07 – col. 39:09);

the liquid sample being delivered from the tip of the sensor into the holding space

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by capillary action (col. 32:07-13 and col. 34:37-42, and an electrochemical change caused by an enzyme reaction between the liquid sample and the reaction part being detected using an electrode set having a working electrode and a counter electrode (col. 38:07 – col. 39:15); and

the biosensor being provided with a projection at only one side of the spacer sheet end in the holding space with the projection extending toward the end of the biosensor (see Figures 18B and 22B reproduced below with projection identified).



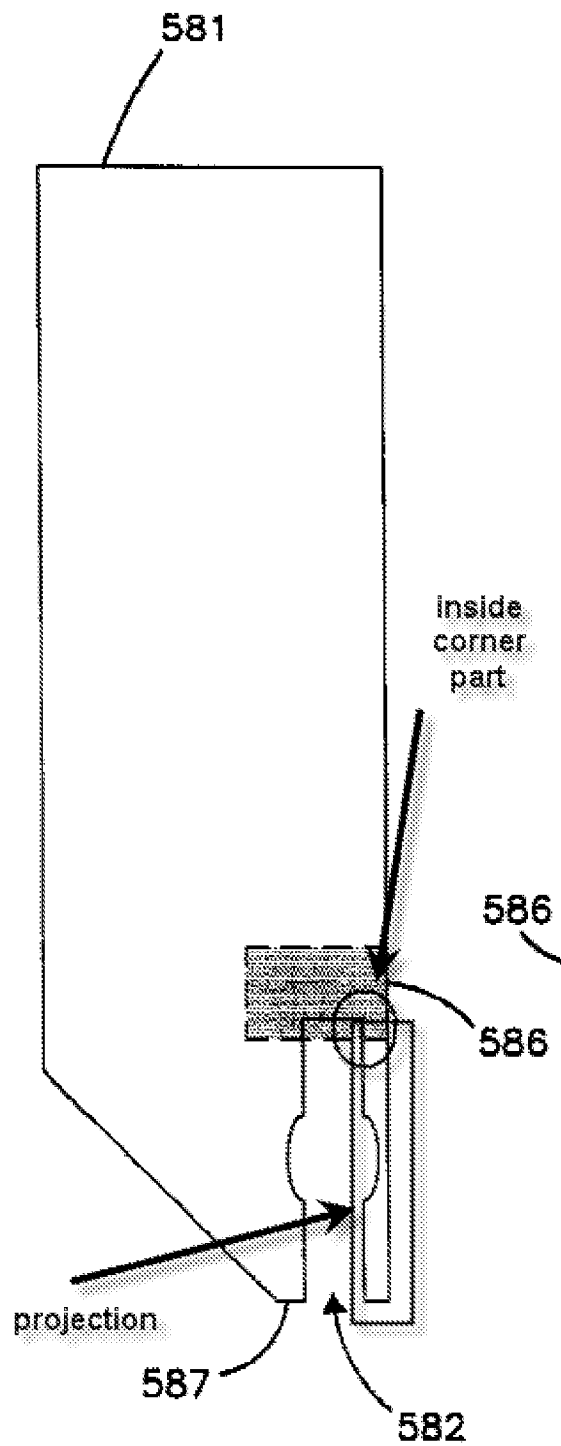


FIG. 22B

Addressing claim 11, see Figures 18B and 22B reproduced above with the inside corner part Identified.

Addressing claim 13, for the additional limitations of this claim see in Feldman col. 38:07 – col. 39:15; col. 23:50-58; and col. 11:35-49 (note lactate).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALEX NOGUEROLA whose telephone number is (571) 272-1343. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, NAM NGUYEN can be reached on (571) 272-1342. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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